

CLEAN AMENDED PARAGRAPHS/SECTIONS/CLAIMS

In the Drawings:

Amend FIG. 1 by adding reference numeral --4-- as indicated on the enclosed red-lined drawing.

In the Claims:

Amend the following like-numbered claims:

1.(amended) A holder, attachable to a paint can having an open end defined by a rim, for supporting a paintbrush having a ferrule within the open end of the paint can, the holder comprising:

a clamp for engaging the rim of the paint can;

a magnet for engaging the ferrule of the paintbrush; and

a resilient member having a proximal portion attached to the clamp and having a distal portion attached to the magnet wherein the distal portion of the resilient member is displaced when the paintbrush is subjected to a mechanical shock so that the paintbrush does not slide off the magnet.

2.(amended) The improvement of Claim 1 wherein the resilient member is a spring.

3.(amended) The improvement of Claim 1 wherein the resilient member is a length of resilient material.

4.(amended) In a magnetic paintbrush holder of a type having a clamp for fastening the holder to the rim of a paint can and having a magnet connected to the clamp for magnetically engaging the ferrule of a paintbrush, an improvement comprising:

a resilient member having a proximal portion attached to the clamp and a distal portion attached the magnet wherein the

distal portion of the resilient member is displaced when the paintbrush is subjected to a mechanical shock so that the paintbrush does not slide off the magnet.

5.(amended) The improvement of Claim 4 wherein the resilient member is a spring.

6.(amended) The improvement of Claim 4 wherein the resilient member is a length of resilient material.

Add the following new claims:

7.(new) A paintbrush holder comprising:
a magnet for engaging the ferrule of a paintbrush;
a clamp for engaging a rim of a paint can; and
a resilient member having a proximal end attached to the clamp and a distal end attached to the magnet wherein the resilient member has a force constant selected to produce a sufficient displacement of the distal end when the paintbrush is subjected to a mechanical shock so that the paintbrush does not slide off the magnet.

8.(new) The paintbrush holder of Claim 7 wherein the resilient member is a spring.

9.(new) The paintbrush holder of Claim 7 wherein the resilient member is a length of resilient material.

10.(new) The paintbrush holder of Claim 7 wherein the resilient member limits acceleration of the paintbrush to no more than 0.75 g.

11.(new) The paintbrush holder of Claim 7 further comprising the paintbrush.

12.(new) The paintbrush holder of Claim 7 further comprising the paint can.

13.(new) A paintbrush holder comprising:
a magnet for engaging the ferrule of a paintbrush;
a magnet holder for bonding to the magnet;
a clamp for engaging a rim of a paint can; and
a resilient member having a proximal end attached to the clamp and a distal end attached to the magnet holder wherein the resilient member has a force constant selected to produce a sufficient displacement of the distal end when the paintbrush is subjected to a mechanical shock so that the paintbrush does not slide off the magnet.

14.(new) The paintbrush holder of Claim 13 wherein the resilient member, the magnet holder, and at least a portion of the clamp constitute a single molded structure.

15.(new) The paintbrush holder of Claim 13 wherein the resilient member is a spring.

16.(new) The paintbrush holder of Claim 13 wherein the resilient member is a length of resilient material.

17.(new) The paintbrush holder of Claim 13 wherein the resilient member limits acceleration of the paintbrush to no more than 0.75 g.

18.(new) The paintbrush holder of Claim 13 further comprising the paintbrush.

19.(new) The paintbrush holder of Claim 13 further comprising the paint can.

20.(new) The paintbrush holder of Claim 1 wherein the resilient member limits acceleration of the paintbrush to no more than 0.75 g.